



**Brighton & Hove**

**JOB TITLE: Teaching Assistant, Bevendean Hearing Support Facility**

**SECTION: BHISS (Sensory Needs Team)**

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Please note; this is a National Generic Job Description. It describes the level of responsibility that you will be required to undertake. Within this role you will be required to carry out the majority of the tasks listed, and your line manager will advise you of those that are not applicable.

Text in bold font indicates the key level responsibilities for this role.

1. **PURPOSE OF JOB**

To work under the instruction / guidance of teaching / senior staff to undertake work / care / support programmes, to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area

2. **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

Support for the Pupils

- Supervise and provide particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Assist with the development and implementation of Individual Education / Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encourage pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
- Set challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under guidance of the teacher

### Support for the Teacher

- Create and maintain a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment in accordance with lesson plans and assist with the display of pupils' work
- Use strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals
- Assist with the planning of learning activities
- Monitor pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievement/progress as directed
- Provide detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, problems etc
- Promote good behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour
- Establish constructive relationships with parents / carers
- Administer routine tests and invigilate exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work
- Provide clerical / admin support, e.g. photocopying, typing, filing, money, administer coursework etc

### Support for the Curriculum

- Undertake structured and agreed learning activities / teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses
- Undertake programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, KS3, early years, recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher
- Support the use of ICT in learning activities and develop pupils' competence and independence in its use
- Prepare, maintain and use equipment / resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assist pupils in their use

### Support for the School

- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
- Be aware of and support difference and ensure pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
- Contribute to the overall ethos / work / aims of the school
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required

- Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
- Assist with the supervision of pupils out of lesson times, including before and after school and at lunchtime
- Accompany teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and take responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher

The list of duties in the job description should not be regarded as exclusive or exhaustive. There will be other duties and requirements associated with your job and, in addition, as a term of your employment you may be required to undertake various other duties as may reasonably be required.

Your duties will be as set out in the above job description but please note that the Council reserves the right to update your job description, from time to time, to reflect changes in, or to, your job.

You will be consulted about any proposed changes.

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<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>ESSENTIAL CRITERIA</b>
<b>Job related education, qualifications and knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NVQ 2 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification or experience</li><li>• BSL Level 1 signing or equivalent, or a commitment to train</li><li>• General understanding of foundation / national curriculum and basic learning strategies</li><li>• Basic understanding of child development and learning</li><li>• Willingness to undertake training in working with hearing-impaired pupils</li></ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience working with or caring for children 4-11 years old</li><li>• Experience of supporting pupils in mainstream classes</li><li>• Experience of the effective use of ICT to support learning</li><li>• Early years and SEN experience desirable</li></ul>
<b>Skills / Abilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability to provide effective communication support, including BSL / Sign Supported English (following training if necessary) to individual pupils as required to facilitate access to class based activities.</li><li>• Ability to promote deaf awareness and model effective support strategies within the school</li><li>• Ability to provide flexible support to pupils to facilitate access to the curriculum whilst encouraging independence</li><li>• Ability to record and present information clearly</li><li>• Ability to use ICT and other equipment and technology e.g. video</li><li>• Ability to work under own initiative and demonstrate good organisational skills</li><li>• Ability to self-evaluate learning needs and actively seek learning opportunities and professional development</li><li>• Good creative skills to prepare learning materials and resources</li><li>• Ability to work constructively as part of a team, understanding roles and responsibilities and your own positions within these</li><li>• Ability to work within the framework of school and Service policies and relevant legislation</li></ul>
<b>Equalities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be able to demonstrate a commitment to the principles of Equalities and be able to carry out duties in accordance with the Council's Equalities Policy</li></ul>